

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5442
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HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER
JASKAUR MEENA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether schemes are lying pending for harvesting the rain water of the rivers of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the schemes formulated for harvesting the rain water to save Rajasthan from drought and make available water in the State; and
- (c) the time by which the Indira Jalothan Yojana is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) There is one proposal of construction of Earthen Damand ponds in Chirwara Block of Jhunjhunudistrict of Rajasthan pending with the Central Ground Water Board.
- (b) The Central Ground Water Board is implementinga Central Sector Scheme on "Studies on Artificial Rechargeof Ground Water" on pilot basis with a view to assess the efficacy of various recharge structures in some 'Over- exploited' and 'Dark' blocks of the country. The Government has earmarked an amount of Rs. 25.00 crore during the IX Five Year Plan for the scheme. Under this scheme, the Central Ground Water Board has formulated and approved 11 schemes of rain water harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water for the State of Rajasthan. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, Macro Management Scheme in the States covering Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Construction of water harvesting structure is one of the component of this scheme.
- (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.